

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SECURITY COMMITTEE
COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

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1. The One Hundred and Sixty-third meeting of the DCI SECOM Computer Security Subcommitttee was held on 24 April 1984 at the [redacted] with the following persons in attendance:

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[redacted] Executive Secretary
Mr. David Schenken, U.S. Secret Service
Mr. Lynn McNulty, Dept. of State
Mr. Robert Graytock, Dept. of Justice
Mr. Ralph Neeper, Army
Ms. Martha Tofferi, Air Force
Ms. Sue Berg, Navy

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2. In the absence of the chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Executive Secretary.

3. The minutes of the previous two meetings were distributed and reviewed. There were no comments, and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. There was a review of the status of the re-write of PD-24. It was reported that the program manager role for computer security is still in the draft. There was some discussion of the background and development of the document, focusing on how the program manager role got established; it appears that it was directed by the NSC. While there appears to be general agreement that COMSEC and computer security should be consolidated (possibly overseen by separate committees), the disagreement centers about the Program Manager role; should it exist, if so, what is the proper function? It was reported that at least DIA and JCS have non-concurred with the current draft.

5. Mr. McNulty reported that OMB is in the processing of revising its computer security directive (i.e. A-71), as part of a general revision of their ADP circulars and directives. He stated that OMB A-71, as currently drafted, establishes a Computer Security Program Manager at each agency.

6. It was noted that [redacted] contract has been renewed. The primary purpose is to continue, and implement, the work that has started in the "critical systems" program (e.g. the survey, develop finer-grained costing of fixes). It was suggested that the Policy Subcommittee, under [redacted] would be fully activated.

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7. The next item discussed was that of policy for the handling of desk top computers or pc's. (See minutes of previous meeting, M-163). Mr. McNulty noted that the Dept. of State is funding a study of microprocessors/personal computers at the National Bureau of Standards (this is the work by Dennis Steinauer which was reported) at the NBS conference in November 1983 and, more recently, at the Federal DP Expo in April 1984), and that the final report was expected shortly. The question arose, "do we really need a special document dealing strictly with personal computers, when the concerns are, in fact, not different from those faced today?" It was pointed out that there at least is the problem of providing considerable computing capability to users who are not aware of the computer security concerns and thus, it is at least an educational problem. Mr. Schenken pointed out that in the more traditional ADP facility environment security personnel understand the problem and appreciate the security perimeter; the same is not true of the typical pc user. It was agreed, then, that there is sufficient reason for promulgating policy specifically addressing personal computers and office automation. This policy should deal with hardware/software capabilities, physical protection, and restrictions on use.

8. The problem dealing with the review and re-issue of computer security collection requirements was discussed. The channels/procedures for establishing and renewing collection requirements were reviewed. After some discussion of the need for drafting a CSS statement of the requirement, the Subcommittee agreed to establish a small working group to draft the document. [redacted] accepted the action to renew the existing requirement statement, in order to insure that it does not expire before the Subcommittee can issue a new one.

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9. The next meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, 15 May at [redacted]

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